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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF:

Manz, et al.

SERIAL NO.: Not yet Assigned

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FOR: METHOD FOR CONTROLLING SAMPLE
INTRODUCTION IN MICROCOLUMN
SEPARATION TECHNIQUES AND
SAMPLING DEVICE

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination and calculation of the filing fee, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

AMENDMENT

In the specification: On page 1, just after the title, please insert:

~~This application is a continuation of application serial no. 08/226,605, filed April 12, 1994.~~

On page 2, line 9, please replace "although" with --
although-~~N/E~~

On page 3, line 21, please delete the word "in" before the phrase "especially ~~N/E~~

On page 4, line 17, please replace "Preferrend" with --
Preferred--.